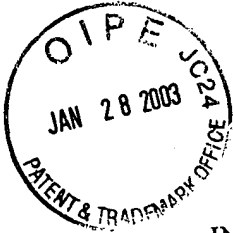


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**AMENDMENT A**

Sir:

The Official letter mailed March 27, 2002, having a shortened statutory period for reply of 3 months, set to expire June 27, 2002 has been received, and in response thereto the following Amendment A is submitted. An extension of time to reply up to and including three months is requested.

IN THE SPECIFICATION**Page 4, first paragraph (lines 1-5), please delete (replace):**